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## INSTALLATION DINNER MAR. 17

### LADIES NIGHT DINNER SUCCESS

Guido Ghiselli and his committee did it again by putting on a fine dinner at the Club for

Ladies Night Jan. 27. Assisting Guido in the kitchen were Louie DeMartini, Joe Giovannoni, Herb Derham, Andy Dunne, Pete Campana, and Frank Mennucci.

Dolphins who attended with their ladies included: Jimmy Cronin, Dr. Guido Pera, Henry Canter, Louis DeLucchi, Dr. Leo McMahon, Lawton Hughes, Bud Sterling, Bob Borgeson, Al Liva, Don Baggiani, Tom Tronum, Charlie

Ackerland, Frank Adams, John Sargis, Charlie Hoffmann, Wally Smith, Henry Mozzetti, Tex Alexander, Alec McCausland, Romeo Rocca, Gus Gelardi, Pete Sturiale, Joe Gelardi, John Sabatto, Bill Gelardi, Emil Cicerone, Ed Dollard, Jerry Hawryluk, Dino Landucci, and "Shoes" Schunneman.

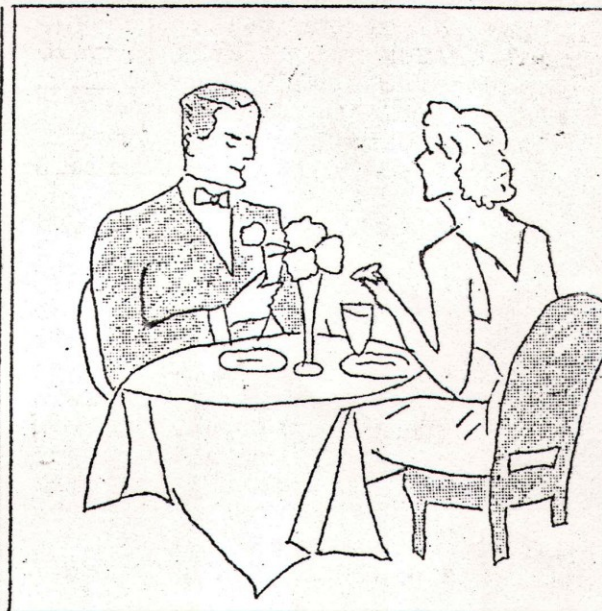
### THE "FOGHORN"

By Roland Demarais

Membership in the Club has dropped considerably in the last year. It has been pointed out by Bob Borgeson, our financial secretary, that the Club always loses members during the winter and picks them up in the summer.

We are also faced with the problem of our young members entering the armed services.

It should be the responsibility of all members, therefore, during the coming months to watch for potential members who are above draft age and who will take an active interest in Club activities especially athletic.



### DINING AND DANCING AT DIMAGGIO'S

Sat. night, Mar. 17, the Club will hold its Annual Installation Dinner Dance at DiMaggio's Yacht Club.

Tom DiMaggio has promised an excellent dinner.

Chicken will be served for \$4.00 and steak for \$4.50, this includes wine.

Make up your party, everyone is welcome. Contact Al Liva or Herb Derham for reservations before Mar. 14.

Cocktails will be served at 8:00 and dinner at 9:00

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### WIELAND TRIP TO ANGEL ISLAND

"Shoes" Schunneman has organized a trip to Angel Island on the "Wieland" Sunday, March 4.

The sign-up includes: Jim and Ray Morino, Frank Mennucci, Vincent Kelly, Bob Nielsen, Joe Weiss, and John McElroy.



MAR '51

## DID YOU KNOW?

By Stan Rybioki

The Dolphin Club owes its existence to the enthusiasm of four young men of Aquatic inclinations.

It was in Aug., 1877, that these men organized the Dolphin S & B Club. The aims and objects of the Club were to improve its members in the arts of swimming and rowing and to cultivate good fellowship.

A house of small dimensions and devoid of architectural beauty situated on a sand hill was the humble home of the pioneer members of the Club. In 1880 construction was started on a new boat house at Montgomery and Beach Streets at the water's edge.

The racing career of the Dolphins was started in 1880 when they purchased a four oared barge with which they won their maiden race and a handsome silver cup, the gift of Mr. Robert Tobin.

In 1887 the Club added to its fleet of boats the most handsome pleasure barge on the Pacific Coast, the "John Wieland", so named in honor of a friend and charter member of the Club.

The Dolphin Club was incorporated under the laws of the State of California in 1888.

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### DOLPHINS IN THE SERVICE

Both Carl Gelardi and Lennie J. Gelardi were in town two weeks ago and sporting new haircuts while on leave from the Naval Training Center at San Diego.

Both boys expect to be assigned aboard ships soon.

Jim Morino has received his classification and is awaiting duty with the army.

"Shoes" Schunneman, Naval Reserve, is also sweating it out.

## CLEAN SWEEP

By Bob Nielsen

With crew season approaching, we find that some of our hardy and salty oarsmen are keeping in shape. We've been watching these boys working out in the cove and elsewhere in the Bay. Crewmen such as Jim Morino, John McElroy, and "Shoes" Schunneman. Coxswain Ray Morino has had a working party down training quarters repairing the dock.

### NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Reports from Henderson, Nev. show that Walter Hoover Sr., (Diamond Sculls Champion of the twenties) has announced that his rowing organization, The Nevada Rowing Club, is thinking of having the P.A.A.O Coast Championship on Lake Mead on the shores of the famous Boulder Dam.

Sounds like good news as our 1948 crews rowed this course during June of that year.

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The South End Rowing Club announces that they have some new crew material ready for spring training from S.F. State College.

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As for the newly formed Marin Rowing Club in the city of Sausalito, we learned that some of their seasoned oarsmen have been working out during the winter months around Richardson's Bay. Old timers like Bob Cumming, Bob Oakley, and Art Senter.

One of Marin's founders, who months back reported for duty with the Army Far Eastern Command, was just promoted to full Colonel in Pusan, Korea. It's none other than Col Frank Adams.

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There has been no news from the San Diego Rowing Club. We imagine that they are still very active in their so-called skeeter boats in their area.





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*Members take annual dip in Pacific, December 18.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

At the end of an eventful year such as 1960, the quiet pride we all have in the Dolphin Club becomes most noticeable.

Together we have accomplished many projects, the most important and incidentally a big saving to the Club due to the untiring efforts and inspiring leadership of our 1961 V. P. Frank Drum and quite a few of the members, was the painting of the front of the building.

Congratulations to Tom Troneum, 1960 President, for his inspiring leadership.

Let us all look forward to the Installation Dinner Dance, February 11.

Co-chairmen will be Lawton Hughes and Frank Drum assisted by a large group of committee members. This should prove to be one of the best affairs of the year.

Ray Belluomini  
*President*

## WATER POLO TEAM PLANNED

Frank Drum has been the sparkplug in organizing a water polo team.

A glance at the names on the roster would indicate that our boys should give a good account of themselves. Team members include: Don Kane, Hector Valencia, Bob Farrell, Joe Flahaven, Bill Phister, Bob Demo, Al Swanso and Vince Cannizzaro.

## INSTALLATION DINNER DANCE, FEB. 11th

February 11 will usher in one of the top events of the Club calendar - the Annual Installation Dinner Dance to be held on a Saturday night at the Club.

Co-chairmen Lawton Hughes and Frank Drum are planning the affair which will include party games as part of the festivities.

Working on the decorating committee for a Valentine theme are Herb Jackson, Bob Hoff and John Stephenson.

Prime rib of beef will be served. Tab: \$4.25 per person. Reservations with cash or check must be made with Frank Mennucci, 1701 Greenwich Street.

## CLUB SPONSORS BOYS SWIM TEAM

The wheels were put in motion at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Directors to field a competitive swimming team for boys that will represent the Dolphin Club in A.A.U. competition. Former Golden Gate Swim Champion Don Kane will serve as Coach.

The swimmers that will represent the Dolphin Club in competition will be issued "Athletic Memberships" and the Club has been granted permission by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department use of the Balboa Park Pool to train the team.

Sons of Dolphin Club members between the ages of six and fifteen are urged to turn out for the team. As Coach Kane explains, "We are starting at the beginning with youngsters to raise future Dolphins in the true spirit of the Club." For further information club members may contact Don Kane at JU 7-4088 after 8:00 p.m. in the evening.



## WE HEARD IN THE LOCKER ROOM By Roland Demarais



Our Financial Secretary recently received the following letter:

Dear Mr. Mennucci:

Enclosed please find check for \$100.00. This check can be used for boat repairs or for other purposes, at the discretion of the Directors.

Yours very truly,  
A. W. Ward, D.D.S.

MIKE DESMOND, who will be a Life Member this year, joined the Booster List. Mike has several Gate swims to his credit.

HOWARD HALL and AL SWANSON, both very active new members, have added their names to the list.

Note that "All-American" HECTOR STEPHENS has furniture to sell at Modern House.

BILL PHISTER has been accepted into the Oakland Police Dept. Bill placed 38th in a competitive examination of over 1300 applicants.

Overheard: one of the old timers telling PAUL ADRIAN how to clean dishes at the last dinner. Paul is maitre d' at the Clift.

Congratulations to JACKIE LA ROCCA and his wife BARBARA on the birth of their son, Leo, November 21.

### PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the Dolphin year of 1960 closed, one begins to sum up the things that have been done, only to realize that many more things have been left undone, but that time all too soon ran out. I am deeply grateful to the loyal Dolphins who have worked hard to accomplish many of the projects that the Board members and the Captain have decided most necessary. These members are proud of their work and equally proud of being Dolphins. With such a group of eager beavers in the field, the Club can look to prosperous years in the future. I am confident that the incoming officers will keep the ball rolling and prove to the people of our fine city that the Dolphin Club is not only a boat club, but that by virtue of its spirit, is part of the old traditions of San Francisco.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of having served you, and beg you to support your new officers as you have me.

- Tom Troneum

### - FRIENDS -

Virginia Rybicki



## LIFE MEMBER BOOSTERS

Virgil Anderson	Swimmer	Joined 1930
Don Baggiani	Past President	Joined 1935
Frank Bordenave	Handball Player	Joined 1910
Russ Channing	Handball Player	Joined 1929
Emile Cicerone	Past President	Joined 1928
John DeMartini	Oarsman	Joined 1928
Herb Derham	Past President	Joined 1914
Andy Demo	Past President	Joined 1927
Mike Desmond	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1936
Ed Dollard	Past President	Joined 1929
Andy Dunne	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1930
James C. Flannery	Swimmer	Joined 1925
Syd Foster	Gate Champion	Joined 1913
Hector Giuntini	Oarsman	Joined 1909
Dick Harms	Handball Player	Joined 1920
Lawton Hughes	Past President	Joined 1919
Henry Kanter	Past President	Joined 1910
Gino Lucchesi	Handball Player	Joined 1932
Peter Lucchesi	Handball Player	Joined 1931
Ralph Mackay	Swimmer	Joined 1910
K. H. "Mac" McIsaac	Oarsman	Joined 1929
Ted Monell	Past President	Joined 1920
Robert Oakley	Oarsman	Joined 1933
Tim O'Shea	Club Director	Joined 1930
Cliff Quist	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1935
Romeo Rocca	Handball Player	Joined 1909
Paul Silvester	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1930
Wally Smith	Swimmer	Joined 1917
Bud Sterling	Past President	Joined 1916
Tom Troneum	Rowing Coach	Joined 1923
Dr. A. W. Ward	Oarsman	Joined 1904
Jerome White	Oarsman	Joined 1909

### REGULAR MEMBER BOOSTERS

Arthur Cardenas	Swimmer	Joined 1945
Ed de Cossio	Rower	Joined 1955
Roland Demarais	Past President	Joined 1946
Ken Gaal	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1956
Phil Gaal	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1954
Roger Gaal	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1954
Steve J. Gaal	Past President	Joined 1953
Dr. Steve Gaal	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1953
Howard Hall	Handball Player	Joined 1959
Dr. Fred S. Howard	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1957
Bob Johnson	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1955
Don Kane	Gate Champion	Joined 1953
Emilio Massucco	Beachcomber	Joined 1948
Frank Mennucci	Past President	Joined 1940
Harvey D. Murray	Oarsman	Joined 1951
Stan Rybicki	Past President	Joined 1934
Walt Schneebeli	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1948
Albert Swanson	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1959
Voldi Walter	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1957
Joe Weiss	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1944
Chet P. Wing	Gate Swimmer	Joined 1952

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<i>Officers for 1969:</i>	President Bill Walden	<i>Board Members:</i>	Fred Howard	Joe Abbott
	Vice President Bill O'Brien		Rudy DeMay	Harry De Ruyter
	Treasurer Lawson Hughes		Howard Hall	Ray Talavera
	Financial Secy. John Stephenson		Jim Vanya	Pete Bianucci
	Recording Secy. Walt Schneebelli		Walt Stack	
	Boat Captain Dino Landucci			

## *Commissioners:*

*Swimming:* Rudy DeMay, Bill O'Brien    *Handball:* Ray Belluomini    *Rowing:* Tom Troneum    *Running:* Walt Stack

## COMING EVENTS . . . July 20, KIRBY BEACH PICNIC

President Bill Walden has organized another of his very popular outings to Kirby Beach in Marin County. Chef Rico Passanisi, assisted by many able hands, will again come up with an excellent lunch, refreshments, etc. The whole family should come and enjoy this almost private spot and enjoy volleyball and other games.

Rowers can take advantage of the ebb tide until noon and return later on the flood, not much work involved for the round trip!

Cost of \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children is nominal so we look forward to a good turnout once again!

See any Board Member for tickets or mail checks payable to the Kirby Beach Committee, c/o Dolphin Club.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . Bill Walden

With but a third of the year gone, we've seen many club house improvements completed. Led by our energetic and tireless Boat Captain, Dino Landucci, work parties have completed the repairs to the deck, roof, fence and the rear of the Boat House.

The expert assistance of Hank Willinger, Bob Rose, Charlie Yeager, Glen Ackerman and the generous efforts of scores of Dolphins such as Joe Ambrose and Emilio Massucco (Horse) made these achievements possible.

There are many other projects being planned for the rehabilitation and improvement of all the Dolphin facilities.

Please support the various sign-ups for our Dolphin events to help make this a great year!

Dolphin Members — When you see someone in the club you don't know, please introduce yourself for the simple purpose of good fellowship and Club security.

## SWIMMING . . . Commissioners Rudy DeMay, Bill O'Brien

The 1969 swimming schedule will be as follows:

Gas House Cove (joint swim)	Sunday, June 15	Jump-in 10:30
Cove Handicap	Saturday, June 28	at 12:15 p.m.
Yacht Harbor	Saturday, July 12	at 9:30 a.m.
Blue Lakes	Sunday, July 27	
Alcatraz	Saturday, August 2	before 9:00 boat departure
Golden Gate	Sunday, September 21	at 9:30 a.m.
Fort Point	Sunday, October 12	before 9:00 a.m.
Richardson Bay	date and time to be announced later	

All swimmers must pay an entrance fee of \$10.00 to participate in any event scheduled after the cove swim of June 28, 1969. The fee is used to insure swimmers, to buy trophies and motor launches as needed to take swimmers to jump-in point.

It appears we will have a good turn out this year as many inquiries have been made from the regulars and new and old members alike who are anxious to get wet.

Water temperature feels good, about 57+ and climbing every day.

Jim Marino down at the weight room getting in shape and prodding the doctor to remove that cast in time for the season.

New swimmers must sign waivers which the swimming commissioners have.

A Dolphin fresh water swim is being planned for July 27. This event is to take place at Blue Lakes, California. The course will be a little over a mile and only a comparatively short distance from shore. Details for an overnight stay are posted on the bulletin board with a June 8th deadline for motel reservations. Those wishing to come for the day will find good highway all the way. This could develop into a yearly fun swim for the club, so let's get some names on the sign-up sheet. For details, see bulletin board or Dr. Galton, Bill O'Brien, Rudy DeMay.

## HANDBALL . . . Commissioner Ray Belluomini

The tournaments having been mostly completed, Singles Champion John Parent and a few other all-round athletes will be concentrating on swimming during the summer months. The next tournaments are scheduled for the fall season.

Handballs and handball gloves at \$1.00 and \$4.50 are available from John Stadlberger, phone 647-3423.

Dolphin shirts and shorts are also available from John Stephenson at \$2.50 each.

## ROWING . . . Commissioner Lawton Hughes

The Weiland is now seaworthy and ready to go! All Dolphins interested in taking trips to Angel Island, Tiburon, Candlestick and Sausalito should sign up or see Lawton Hughes.

The second annual Club-to-Sausalito race will take place later in the summer with Joe Abbott and Harry De Ruyter defending the doubles "championship" — nothing serious about this event — just a lot of fun.



### **RUNNING . . . Commissioner Walter Stack**

A record 90 DSE runners competed in recent running of the Bay to Breakers race with Pat Kelly turning in the best time. Newcomers to the annual event included Pete Bianucci, Jim Keeley, Andy Burleigh, Joe Abbott, John Beal and family, Pete Kruger and many others. The photos taken by Jerry Hawryluk are on display at the Club and can be purchased from Jerry any afternoon of the week. Many runs are scheduled for the rest of the summer and fall — starting times are listed in the running section of the clubhouse notice board.

Mike Lyons, Walter Stack and Chuck Waller will carry the DSE colors to the 26 mile Pike's Peak race in Colorado. We wish them the best of luck!

### **SICK CALL**

Joe Tonelli is out of hospital and recuperating from major surgery, soon to return to enjoying the club once again.

Jim Moreno's cast will have been removed by the time this log is printed and he intends to work hard in the water and in the weight room so we can look for more than a few swimmers going down a notch or two!

Hank Willinger, the grand 'young' man is now back to tending his beautiful garden and keeping the club house in shape after a short Franklin Hospital stay.

### **THINGS AND STUFF . . . Jack Gordon**

What a feed! Sam Parisi's meatballs and pasta, plus Mrs. Paul Sylvester's poundcake. That is what the well-fed Dolphin dock workers ate. Dino Landucci really had to lean on us to get back to work.

Major James Glafkides has just completed a sixty-day tour of duty in England.

Thanks a lot, Dr. Abbott, for things too numerous to mention!

It is still the "Mid-Winter" swim, not the Salami Splash.

The Building Trades did real well in the "Mid-Winter". An electrician, Pete Biannucci, a carpenter, Bob Rose, and a plumber, Jim Morino, finished 1-2-3. Dr. Howard, as usual, held up the honor of the medical profession.

What a sweet job Charley Yeager is doing on our dock!

Jim Morino and Hank Willinger, racked back by autos. John Davis and John Parent having foot trouble.

Had a letter from Stu Evans. Why not drop the old boy a line? His address is: Lt. Col. S. M. Evans, Sys. Div. P & M. USAICCV, APO 96384 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

I am going to have to apologize for the dullness of this effort (more so than usual). I seem to have picked up a bad attack of the "ABLAHS".

See Bob Demo every once in a while, when he drops down to pick up Ping.

Congratulations, Ray and Sugar. Couldn't happen to nicer people.

Duke Dupuis asked me to put out the big "HELLO" to all the Dolphins. He has a nice operation going. Give him a tumble. Huh?

Going to wrap this up and go down to "Scoma's" and take on some of their lobster.

'Bye now; see if I can screw up the handicaps in this year's "Cove Swim".

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## THE FARALLONES TO ACQUATIC PARK RELAY RACE

by Stew Evans

On Friday evening, September 6, 1968, at about 6:45 P.M., we all met at the Union Oil dock, just down the street from the club.

Everyone had completed his part of the preparations in the professional manner that seems to mark the members of the club in this type of undertaking. Rowboats, food, gear and people were loaded aboard the "Salmon Queen" and at 7:00 P.M., we headed for the open sea and the southeast Farallone Island. All swimmers and those of the support crew who felt the need had taken dramamine tablets during the day to ward off seasickness. Because of these precautions or perhaps in spite of them, not one case of seasickness developed during the swim.

The weather and seas were perfect. Once we were out past the lightship the wind dropped to a gentle breeze. The water temperature was a balmy 59-60° and the surface was almost dead calm. We arrived at the southeast Farallone Island at about 10:30 P.M. The South End Club boat and crew were waiting about a mile from the rocks.

Our rowboats went over the side and our first two rowing crews climbed down to their seats. Coins were flipped to determine which power boat would be chosen as the starting boat. We won. Bob Roper, from the South End team came aboard the Salmon Queen and when all boats had maneuvered to a point within fifty meters of the island, Jack Gordon readied the first swimmers and his watches. At exactly 11:09 P.M. he fired his starting gun and the race had begun.

Ed Duncan, our first swimmer, took off like a Dolphin chasing a Mackerel. By the end of his sixty minutes of swimming, the Dolphin team was over a quarter of a mile in the lead. Lew Cook took over from Ed and took off as though he were the Mackerel being chased. Lew must have picked up another quarter of a mile. Then a fired-up Conrad Liberty took over. I followed Conrad, and when that long hour in the dark water was finally over, Bill Harlan flashed by me at a fantastic pace. The anchor man was Bob Jimenez. He was a very lazy person on board the boat, but in the water, he appeared to have an outboard motor tied to his stern.

Our course was set to take us just above the lightship, but a steady southerly set in the current (due to the wind) pushed us just to the south of where the lightship is anchored. We reached that point at about 8:40 A.M. we were then approximately two and a quarter miles ahead of the South End team. Their course, I feel, took them too far south so that they swam further than was necessary.

During the next four hours, Bill Harlan, Bob Jimenez, Ed Duncan and Lew Cook covered 12 nautical miles combining a following tide with tremendous individual effort that took us well inside the Bay. Then Conrad Liberty beat his way across a dying current, past Alcatraz to Aquatic Park and the beach. Total elapsed time for the swim was: 14 hours, 54 minutes.

During the entire swim, the members of the support team took wonderful care of the swimmers. The rowers - Harry De Reuter, Bill Waldon, Joe Weiss, Walt Shiel and Pete Bianucci (Bill O'Brien couldn't make it due to illness) were always there with the boats. No swimmer felt alone or too far from safety. Dr. Abbott worked on each swimmer coming out of the water to take out any cramps or kinks, restore warmth and to insure against injury or sickness. Rudy De May acted as coordinator before and during the swim. He handled the food, equipment and swimmer changeover. George Bay, who was the alternate swim team member worked with Rudy and with Monty Sahagian who brought his rifle along and acted as the Shark look-out.

The clerk-of-course, chief referee, and official time keeper was my salty old friend Jack Gordan. Our publicity was expertly handled by Andy Franco (press) and Frank (the kid) Drum (radio and television). George and Fran De Geer handled the finish line and provided all of those very welcome blankets for the swimmers. Bill Hawkins acted as the Official South End Observer while our Dick Daucett represented the Dolphin Club.

Fifty-seven members of the Dolphin Club generously donated a total of \$568.00 for the swim. This amount covered all expenses. P.G. and E. donated yellow flashers for the swimmers to follow during the night.

In closing, I'd like to say one thing. I've never before encountered a large group of men from all walks of life who could get together and accomplish a feat such as this with so little fuss and so few problems. When something has to be done, someone who knows how is there to do it. To me this smacks of a great club and a great bunch of guys.



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## QUADRATHON MAY 28, 1978

In what could qualify as one of the most grueling and zaniest athletic events conceived, the Dolphin fourth Quadrathon is scheduled for Sunday May 28, 1978.

The Italian team of Steve Pinetti, Moon Passanisi, Phil Sturiale, and Modesto Lanzonne, stands ready to accept the challenges of other teams.

The first event is a seven mile bike ride from the club down the Embarcadero to Third and Townsend and return. As soon as the first cyclist reaches the club, team member no. 2 shoves off in a single skiff for a row to Gashouse Cove and back. Then the runners take over as the third lap is a fast round-trip jog to the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza.

Swimmers will hit the water from the beach for a one mile cove swim when their team members return from the jog.

After the swim prizes will be awarded to the intrepid athletes at the Clubhouse.

## WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM

The work in the women's locker room is 90% complete. 62 lockers are installed together with new showers with four heads, sauna, linoleum, toilets and lighting, for a total cost of \$21,000. Additional lockers are planned for the women's area.

## SUIT FILED AGAINST CLUBS

On March 16 the Park and Recreation Commissioners voted 5-1 to comply with the City Attorney's opinion to open private clubs on public land to the general public on a daily fee basis. Details subject to negotiations.

Attorney Sandra Terzian has filed a class action in the Federal Court of Judge Renfrew.

Attorney James Moore, who has been retained by the Dolphin Club and South End Club discussed ensuing litigation with the membership, May 17, at the Board of Directors meeting.

## CLUB REPAIRS SLATED

Estimate for club repairs could easily run as high as \$66,000, according to President Frank Drum.

Damage to the dock by recent storms is estimated at \$4,000.

Anderson Construction Co. has stated a cost of \$12,000 to replace the beam in the entrance way.

Shoring the face of the building will cost an additional \$50,000 (see financial report).

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE FORMED

Chuck Stagliano is heading up a new social committee to revitalize club activities.



PIER 43½ SWIM, MARCH 19  
RESULTS

<u>PLACE</u>		<u>TIME</u>
1.	Hugh Winn	16:46
2.	Susanna Spencer-Horner	18:16
3.	Morgan Kulla	18:17
4.	Susan Allen	19:02
5.	Bob Colyar	20:04
5.	Carol Haffey TIE	20:04
7.	Jim Amann	20:19
8.	Jim Hulihan	20:37
9.	Pepe Carranza	20:38
10.	Andrea Diamond	20:39
11.	Glynn Jones	20:49
11.	Joni Beemsterboer TIE	20:49
11.	Tom Hofman TIE	20:49
14.	John Moyes	21:13
15.	George Kobbe	21:27
16.	Wayne Riddle	21:28
17.	Jerry Cullen	25:23
18.	Joe Bruno	27:48
19.	Hugo Buchhols	29:25
20.	Bill Powning	29:45
21.	Hal Miramonte	29:59
22.	Lou Gallic	30:38
23.	Pavla Rossova	31:23
24.	Art Bauer	33:24
25.	Era Osibe	34:21

PIER 41 SWIM RESULTS

John Moyes clocked in at 18 min. and 20 sec.  
to take the Pier 41 Swim, May 13.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Swimmer</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	John Moyes	18:20
2.	Pepe Carranza	19:04
3.	Bob Colyar	19:20
4.	Carol Haffey	19:28
5.	Wayne Riddle	19:49
6.	Glynn Jones	20:08
7.	Joni Beemsterboer	20:25
8.	Bud Jenkins	21:00
9.	George Kebbe	21:05
10.	Ron McDowell	22:07
11.	Modesto Lanzone	23:37
11.	Guido Lucchesi TIE	23:37
12.	Jim Morino	24:48
13.	Nick Zoller	25:00
14.	Jerry Cullen	25:53
15.	Milo Fay	26:08
16.	Cindy Ehrlich	26:43
17.	Bill Powning	27:01
18.	Joe Bruno	27:10
19.	Lou Gallic	27:52
20.	Era Osibe	28:28
21.	Pavla Rossova	28:50
22.	Art Bauer	34:50

WE HEARD IN THE LOCKER ROOM

SPRING COVE SWIM, APRIL 15, 1978 RESULTS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Swimmer</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	Morgan Kulla	21:19
2	Suzanne Spencer-Horner	21:23
3	Veronica Mann	22:25
4	Susan Allen	22:37
5	Carol Haffey	22:50
6	John Moyes	24:14
7	Andrea Diamond	24:22
8	Dick Beeler	24:26
9	Glynn Jones	24:27
10	Wayne Riddle	24:37
11	George Kebbe	24:41
12	Skip Ohlson	24:46
13	Bud Jenkins	24:47
14	Jerry Cullen	31:46
15	Louis Beah	31:55
16	Wendy Katzman	32:24
17	Joe Bruno	37:24
18	Bill Powning	38:57
19	Hal Miramonte	40:29
20	Lou Gallic	44:10
21	Pavla Rossova	48:29

After being away from the task for a few years, we agreed to take up where we started in 1949 - when we put out the first edition of the Dolphin Log.

Swimmer Bob Colyar and Diane are the new parents of an 8lb baby boy - Jason Robert Colyar

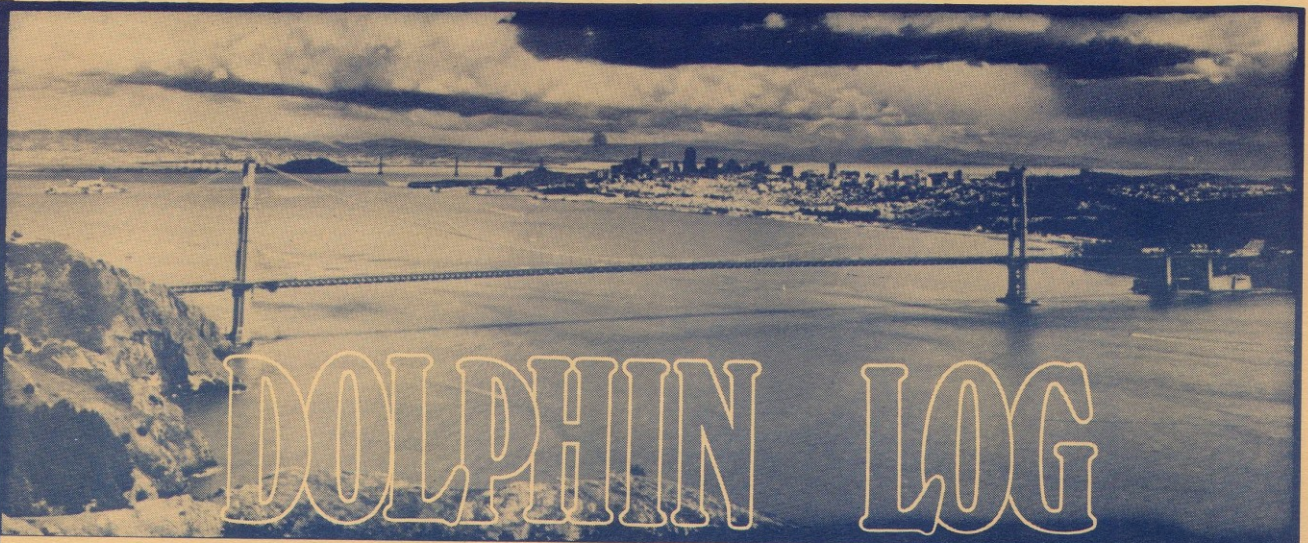
Mr. & Mrs. Micky Griffin are proud parents of two future Dolphin scullers - twin boys.

June Church assisted in typing this Log and has agreed to assist in future editions.

Roland Demarais,  
Editor

The winner was guest Charles P. Chapman,  
Sacramento: 21:18





# DOLPHIN LOG

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# SWIMMING

## Spring Cove March 21, 1982—10:00

1. Dave Kenyon (guest) . . .	14:30
2. Randy Williams (S.E.) . .	14:31
3. Suzanne Heim . . . . .	15:50
4. Sean Kelly . . . . .	16:10
5. John Selmer . . . . .	16:24
6. Paul Watts . . . . .	16:31
7. Ed Urban . . . . .	16:41
8. Jeanne Nagy . . . . .	16:45
9. Morgan Kulla . . . . .	17:01
10. George Kebbe . . . . .	18:30
11. Bob Colyar . . . . .	18:40
12. Jim Cotton . . . . .	20:35
13. Diane Campbell . . . . .	20:53
14. Rich Livingston . . . . .	21:25
15. Mike Restani (S.E.) . . .	22:16
16. Joni Beemsterboer . . .	22:23
17. Ginny Lutz . . . . .	22:27
18. Conrad von Blankenburg .	22:27
19. Rich Cooper . . . . .	23:30
20. Jeff Redlitz . . . . .	24:25
21. Roger Aplon . . . . .	24:28
22. Ali Pearson . . . . .	24:54
23. Pete Neubauer . . . . .	25:08
24. Steve Townsend . . . . .	25:10
25. Hubert Vignaux . . . . .	25:19
26. Zada Taft . . . . .	25:19
27. Jennifer Linton . . . . .	25:28
28. Neil Hartnett . . . . .	26:00
29. Mike Gelfond . . . . .	26:07
30. Era Osibe . . . . .	26:46
31. Bill Powning . . . . .	26:21
32. Stewart Johnston . . . .	27:11
33. Sue Garfield . . . . .	27:15
34. Don Harrison . . . . .	27:41
35. Modesto Lanzone . . . .	27:58
36. Maria MacMasters . . . .	28:36
37. Noel Frelicot . . . . .	28:46
38. Joe Bruno . . . . .	29:10
39. Cindy Ehrlich . . . . .	29:20
40. Bob McKenzie . . . . .	29:54
41. Jan Warmerdam . . . . .	30:07
42. Bob Hoff . . . . .	30:40
43. Chris Cadelago . . . . .	31:16
44. Bob Bonnet . . . . .	35:23

**Pilots:**  
Herman Zahler  
Dan Osborne  
Ray Martelli  
Hans Kramer  
Bob Capurro

**Timers:**  
Mimi Osborne  
Ray Taft  
Susanna Spencer-Horner

**Galley:**  
Pete Sturiale  
Bert Arias (flags)

## Dick Beeler Crazy Cove Swim April 18, 1982

1. Ed Urban . . . . .	33.13
2. Jean Nagy . . . . .	35.01
3. Bob Colyar . . . . .	36.31
4. Debra Howard . . . . .	36.57
5. Rick Barthels . . . . .	37.23
6. Phil Gay . . . . .	37.29
7. George Kebbe . . . . .	tie . 37.33
8. Jim Amman . . . . .	tie . 37.33
9. Jamie Nelson . . . . .	38.34
10. Leslie Sims . . . . .	40.20
11. Diane Campbell . . . . .	41.08
12. Scott Anderson . . . . .	41.11
13. Glynn Jones . . . . .	41.22
14. Hawkins . . . . .	41.50
15. Bill Van Horne . . . . .	44.15
16. Susan Allen . . . . .	45.28
17. Skip Ohlson . . . . .	45.43
18. Joni Beemsterboer . . .	47.00
19. Gary Mulder . . . . .	47.41
20. Eric Shackelford . . . .	48.00
21. Jeff Heth . . . . .	48.25
22. Syd S. Macy . . . . .	48.51
23. Tom Macy . . . . .	50.42
24. Roger Alpon . . . . .	50.50
25. Dave Cohn . . . . .	51.00
26. Carla Curtis . . . . .	51.45
27. Jeanette Klingel . . . .	52.15
28. Pete Neubauer . . . . .	54.54
29. Hubert Vigneaux . . . .	55.14
30. Milo Fay . . . . .	55.27
31. Mike Gelfond . . . . .	56.13
32. Judy Dittmer . . . . .	57.03
33. Jeff Redlitz . . . . .	57.06
34. Robin Phalen . . . . .	57.12
35. Joyce Coniglio . . . . .	57.42
36. Susan Garfield . . . . .	61.36
37. Nick Zoller . . . . .	62.06
38. B. Schmidt . . . . .	63.57
39. John Dahlberg . . . . .	64.43
40. Maria MacMasters . . . .	65.27
41. Joe Bruno . . . . .	70.19
42. Frank Drum . . . . .	70.28
43. Cheryl Harrison . . . . .	72.54
44. Chris Cadelago . . . . .	74.16
45. Bob McKenzie . . . . .	88.13

**Starters**  
Susanna Spencer-Horner  
Vincent Huang

**Timers**  
Dan Murphy  
Mimi Osborne  
Susanna Spencer Horner

**Pilots**  
Ray Martelli  
Bill Walden  
Herman Zahler  
Dan Osborne  
Dino Landucci  
Hans Kramer

**Galley**  
Bert Arias  
Ray Martelli

## Myra Heckman Cove Handicap Swim May 16, 1982

Place	Name	Elapsed Time	Handicap	Net Time
1.	Bob McKenzie	28:07	0:00	28:07
2.	Chris Cadelago	30:43	0:00	30:43
3.	Bill Powning	31:02	- 4:00	27:02
4.	Sean Kelly	31:30	-15:20	16:10
5.	Peter Brand	31:43	- 9:30	22:13
6.	Tom Hofmann	31:53	-11:50	20:03
7.	John Selmer	32:00	-15:20	16:50
8.	Ginny Lutz	32:05	-10:00	22:05
9.	John Dahlberg	32:09	- 4:00	28:09
10.	Diane Campbell Urban	32:14	-11:30	20:44 tie
11.	Dan Osborne	32:14	-11:50	20:24 tie
12.	Bob Colyear	32:21	-14:20	18:01
13.	Ed Urban	32:24	-15:00	17:24
14.	Greaseman G. Jones	32:27	-11:50	20:27
15.	Nick Zoller	32:29	- 6:00	26:29
16.	Joni Beemsterboer	32:33	-10:30	22:03
17.	Gary Mulder	32:36	-10:30	22:06
18.	Louise Bea	32:37	- 7:30	25:07
19.	Maria MacMasters	32:38	- 4:00	28:38
20.	Joe Bruno	32:40	- 3:30	29:10
21.	Morgan Kulla	32:45	-14:50	17:55
22.	Dave Woodside	32:48	-13:20	19:28
23.	Robin Phalen	32:49	- 6:00	26:49
24.	Conrad von Blankenberg	32:50	-10:00	22:50
25.	Modesto Lanzone	33:06	- 6:00	27:06 tie
26.	Rick Barthels	33:06	-14:20	18:46 tie
27.	Meg Gawler	33:07	- 3:30	29:37 tie
28.	Vince Huang	33:07	-10:00	23:07 tie
29.	Rich Livingston	33:09	-10:00	23:09 tie
30.	Rudy DeMay	33:09	- 6:00	27:09 tie
31.	Roz Lee	33:16	-10:00	23:16
32.	Ray Mondini	33:29	- 3:00	30:29
33.	Roger Aplon	33:33	-10:00	23:33
34.	George Kebbe	33:57	-14:20	19:37
35.	Jeanette Klingel	33:59	- 9:30	24:29
36.	Noel Frelicot	34:36	- 4:00	30:36 tie
37.	stick #42 missing	34:36		tie
38.	Sue Garfield	34:36	- 6:00	28:36 tie
39.	Ron Maas	34:38	-10:00	24:38
40.	Phil Rollins	36:34	- 9:30	27:04
41.	Wayne Riddle	42:07	-10:00	32:07
<b>Guests</b>				
	Randy Williams	31:02	-16:00	15:02
	Jim Harwood	33:01	-11:50	21:11

**Timers**  
Beth Fisher  
Mimi Osborne  
Susanna Spencer Horner  
Era Osibe

**Galley**  
Pete Sturiale

**Pilots**  
Herman Zahler  
Hans Kramer  
Ray Martelli  
Ron Chisum—GGNRA  
Jr. Lifeguard—GGNRA

## Over 60 Cove Swim May 1, 1982

60-64		75-79	
Ray Taft	18.50 (62)	Bill Greer	34:37 (76)
John Bricker	19.08 (61)		
Zada Taft	22.22 (62)		
Bill Powning	23.32 (61)		
Hal Miramonte	28.21 (63)		
George Tracy	46.08 (60)		
		<b>Timers:</b> Vincent Huang Susanna Spencer-Horner	
		<b>Pilots:</b> Ray Martelli Dan Osborne Bob McKenzie Bob Capurro	
		<b>Galley:</b> Pete Sturiale Joni Beemsterboer	
65-69			
Nick Zoller	21.59 (65)		
Joe Bruno	24.46 (69)		
Frank Drum	26.31 (67)		
Bill O'Brien	34.32 (66)		



A couple of  
model Dolphins



# RUNNING

## Coming Events

1. A *Swim-Run Biathalon* (½ mile and 3 miles) in Aquatic Cove on July 4 at 9 AM.
2. A *Bike-Run Century Biathalon* (73.8 miles ride, 26.2 miles run) on August 16. Santa Cruz to Half Moon Bay round trip: 100 miles

For more info on both, call Vicki at 941-6287

## Bay To Breakers this year had Dolphins

Buck Swannack

Susan Allen

Susanna Spencer-Horner

helping with the running of and then running in the race. With a field of 55,000 there must have been some other Dolphins buried in there somewhere.

**Tom Gould**, our immediate past president and good man with the gavel just ran, appropriately, the Avenue of the Giants marathon. Good going Tom.

**SFDSE Runners.** The following schedule was furnished by Walt Stack. The runs look fun, friendly and for a new twist: scenic.

Sunday July 4	10:00 a.m.	9.2 mi.	Double Lake Merced run—meet Sunset Blvd. North Parking Lot, San Francisco
Sunday July 18	10:00 a.m.	3.5 mi.	Mt. Davidson run—meet Riordan Hi School 175 Phelan Ave (near City College of S.F.)
Sunday July 25	10:00 a.m.	4.5 mi.	'Womens Festival Run' at Legion of Honor Museum, park cars 34th Ave./Clement, S.F.
Sunday Aug. 1	10:00 a.m.	6.2 mi.	Daly City Scenic run—meet Colma School east of Mission & Market, Daly City
Sunday Aug. 8	10:00 a.m.	3.6 mi.	Twin Peaks run—start/finish Portola and Twin Peaks
Sunday Aug. 15	10:00 a.m.	2.5 mi.	Double Muni Pier run—start/finish Dolphin Club, 502 Jefferson, San Francisco
Sunday Aug. 22	10:00 a.m.	3 mi.	G.G. Bridge run—start/finish Toll Gate Plaza Parking Lot, San Francisco
Sunday Aug. 29	10:00 a.m.	4.6 mi.	Lake Merced run—start/finish North Parking Lot-end of Sunset Blvd., San Francisco
Sunday Sep. 12	8:00 a.m.	7.6 mi.	Bay to Breakers Revisited—Start Howard and Spear, SF & Finish Great Hiway, Ocean Beach
Sunday Sep. 12	10:00 a.m.	5.0 mi.	G.G. Bridge Vista run—start/finish Legion of Honor across from Museum, S.F.
Sunday Sep. 19	10:00 a.m.	6.5 mi.	Low-tide ocean beach run—start/finish on the beach at Balboa & Great Hiway, S.F.
Sunday Sep. 26	10:00 a.m.	4.5 mi.	Legion of Honor run—meet at museum, park cars at 34th Ave., & Clement St., S.F.

# HISTORY AND LORE

SEMINARS: *Morgan Kulla*; ARCHIVISTS AND HISTORIANS: *Brian Gilpin, David Hull, Walter Schnebell*

**Dolphin Lectures: Bay Ferries.** May 11th's talk and movie by Dr. Snead, a 3rd generation San Franciscan and a life long (74 years) ferry boat enthusiast was a night well spent. A great deal of history and anecdote was recounted; the following tidbits stuck with our reporter:

- The earliest regular route was to Sacramento starting in 1849 and taking about 5 days.
- First double ender in 1860—the *Alameda*
- No two ferries were alike (just looked it). Each new design made changes to previous versions.
- 250 feet and 3000 passengers was the maximum size due to hull strength
- Ports of call: Tiburon, Sausalito, Oakland, Napa
- The walking beam engine was the most durable engine (110 yrs) and could be readily recommissioned. The *Eureka* in front of the club has one.
- A run from S.F. to Tiburon was made by the *Tamalpais* in 17½ minutes.

## The Cover shows turn of the century Dolphins

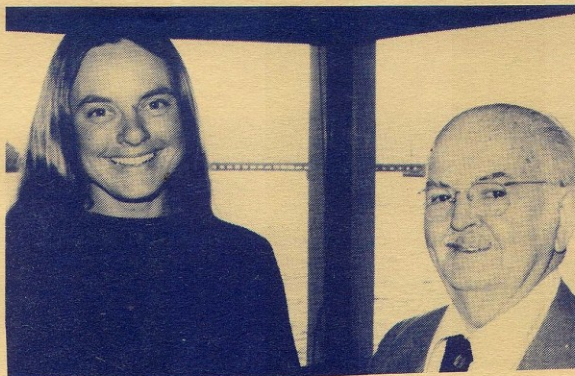
Al Pape

Bill Smart

Bill Schwarting

Jerry Keniff

Bill Walden found this photo in the roll top desk of a man whose father had been a partner with Tom Crowley, Sr. of S.F. Bay tug boat fame. To Bill's knowledge this photo was not in the club before the fire.



Morgan Kulla & Dr. Snead

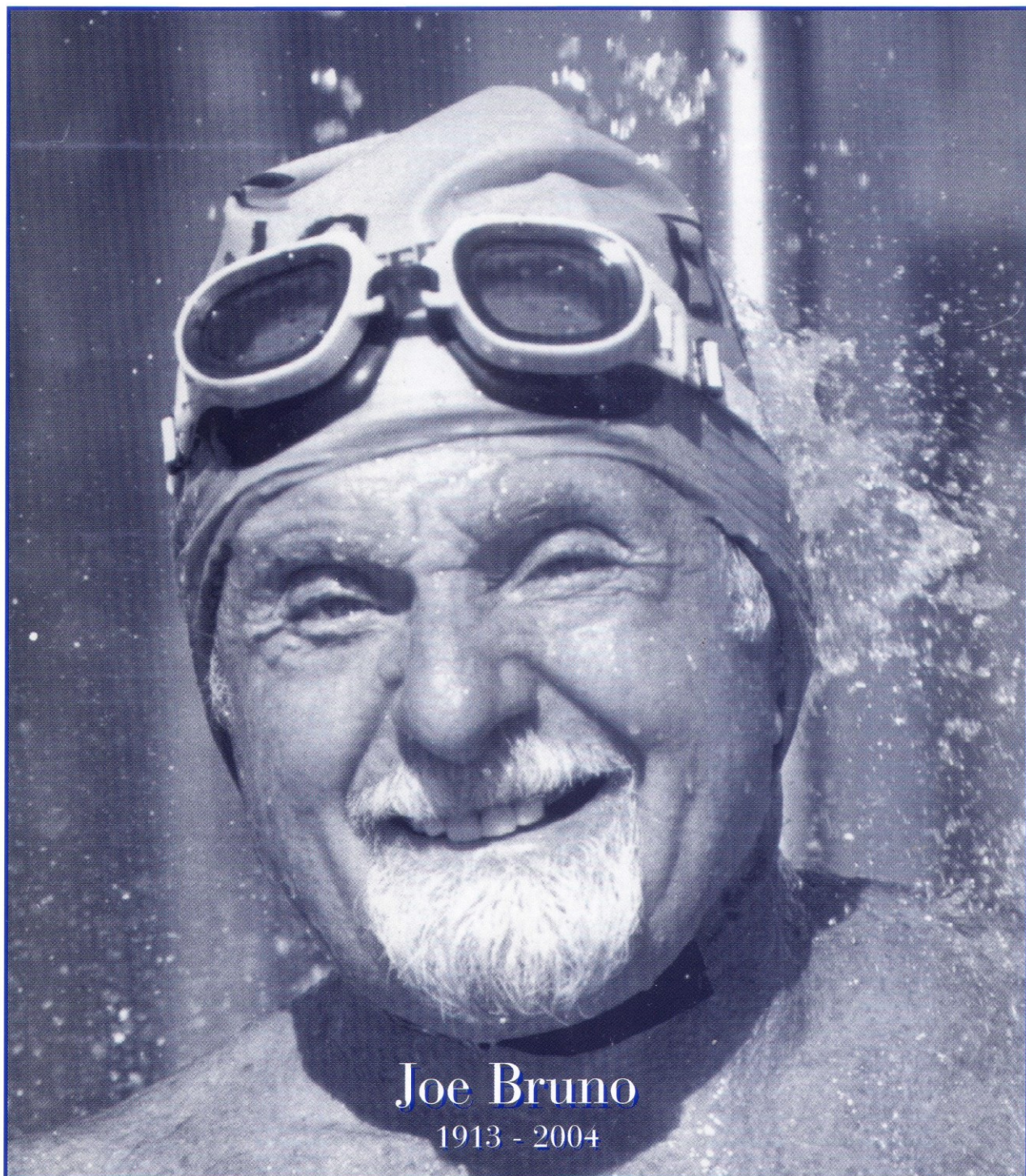
**Historic Photos.** Morgan Kulla advises our old photos are still with the restorer, that he has a hard job, that he does good work and that it may be months or years until we see them again.

**Sacramento Fare.** Bill Walden reports that during the goldrush one of the regular ways to Sacramento was by rowboat. The fare was an ounce of gold plus helping with the rowing.



# DOLPHIN LOG

Spring 2004



Joe Bruno  
1913 - 2004



## DOLPHIN LOG SWIM STATISTICS



Start of the Men's race at lake Tahoe.

Mary Alex	41.25
Sunny Mc Kee	41
Keith Howell (VIRGIN BEAR)	41
Rey Hassan	41
Jon Nakamura	40.75
Tom McGraw	40.5
Dave Maloney	40.5
Lee Hammack	40.5



Vic Pizzaro, John Ottersberg, Rick Avery, Adam Engelskirchen, Candace Kelly, Tom Keller and Brian Herrick – huddling for warmth after their dip in Lake Tahoe

Larry Scroggins	40.5
Anthony Du Comb	40.5
Liz Ann Schiff	40.5
John Theede	40
Laura Burtch	40
David Zovickian	40
John Selmer	40
Alan Budenz	40
Drew Sullivan	40
Duke Dahlin	40
Milan Odehnal	40
Trish Miller	40
D. Wettersten	40
Rachel Kaufman (VIRGIN BEAR)	40

### Old Goat and Goateess Division 70 years, 20 miles

Jerry Cullen	30
Keith Weaver	27
Dan Osborne	24
Herb Madden	22.5
Sarah Mc Cuskey	21
Don Reid	20.75
Ray Artigues	20

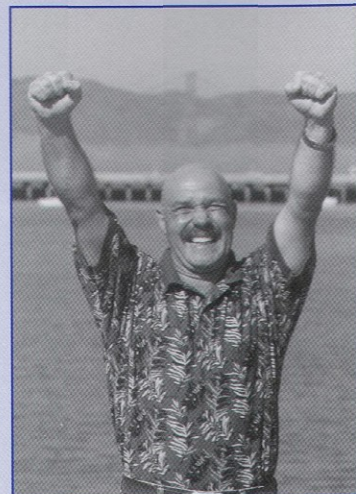


Photo: Sid Hollister

**G**EORGE KEBBE, a Dolphin since 1974 and the polar bear record holder at 255 miles from 1994/95 to 2002/03, when Suzie Dods unseated him by recording 256 miles, took back the record this year with 356 miles. Having been out of the swim for several years, George began the season slowly, but with a goal in mind: besting the existing record by 100 miles. It was suggested by a fellow swimmer, almost in jest, but George thought he could reach it. With that goal came a daily schedule of double dipping. In the waning days of the contest he was churning out three miles every morning and three more each afternoon. (Lou would not take even a sip of his martini until George had finished.)

Known for his boisterous greetings and hardy laughter, George is a men's locker room favorite (he'd love to share his cheer on the distaff side but isn't allowed there). At the March 21 celebration that capped the polar bear season, George used the occasion to thank each of the sixty-odd supporters in attendance in a spontaneous, if lengthy, after-dinner speech, making everyone feel part of his remarkable achievement.

— Joe Illick



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# THE SHORT AND THE LONG OF IT – HOW WE GOT HERE

by Meg Reilly

**M**ANY DOLPHINS HAVE ASKED why the Club building, boat shed, and pier are owned by the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department. The short answer is that in 1938 our board of governors signed over Club ownership of its facilities to Park and Rec, as did the South End Club, next door. Both organizations continued to occupy the buildings without paying rent until, in 1979, they signed leases with Park and Rec requiring them to pay the City 10 percent of gross revenues and all costs of operating, repair, and replacement.

How did this come about? The long answer lies in the past, in the histories of the two clubs. In the 1860s, there were 20 or more rowing clubs around San Francisco Bay. These clubs were the recreational by-products of the working waterfront that emerged during the gold rush as sailing ships brought people and goods to the Bay Area. The entrepreneurs who made their livings transporting supplies to and from the anchored ships used almost exclusively Whitehall rowboats, which were (and still are) the vessels used at the rowing clubs. Competitive rowing was then a spectator sport drawing large crowds and calling forth huge bets.

A South End Boating Club was organized in 1873 at Third and Berry Streets, the antecedent of the South End Rowing Club that arose there in 1881; there was an Ariel Club at the same location. The Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club was organized in 1877 and located on the north beach of Black Point Cove near the foot of Columbus Street, the water's edge being farther south than it is today. (That little building was later moved to Larkin St.; Club historian Walt Schneebeli knows where to find it.)

In 1896 the Dolphins erected today's building at the foot of Van Ness Avenue, also in Black Point Cove. In 1907, the South Enders barged their building up the Bay from 3<sup>rd</sup> and Berry Sts. and planted it next to the Dolphin Club. (Apparently the Ariel Club made a similar move at that time.) The clubs shared the cove with industrial works; an elevated train trestle extended across the club piers and the cove itself. As before, the clubs were squatters — but in a new location.

In 1909, a group of athletic clubs joined forces as the Aquatic Improvement Association with the aim of developing Black Point Cove as an aquatic park. The idea appealed to city, state, and federal agencies, and the famed architect Daniel Burnham

drew plans for it. Four bond measures failed, however, and no other funding source was available.

In 1927 the Dolphin, South End, and Ariel Clubs moved their buildings to the foot of Larkin Street to accommodate the extension of Van Ness Avenue from Bay Street to the Government Wharf (later rebuilt as Municipal Pier). With the Depression and New Deal came the National Recovery Act and the Works Progress Administration, which accelerated the development of an aquatic park by facilitating the construction of an amphitheater, speaker towers, restrooms, and the maritime museum. To accommodate this construction the Dolphin and South End Clubs were moved to their present location, with the Ariel Club just west of the Dolphin Club.

The Burnham plans for Aquatic Park placed three boat houses on the west side of the cove, which the three clubs would occupy, thus having no use for their Jefferson Street buildings, which stood on City property. Hence, in 1938 they transferred ownership of the buildings to the City.

They retained the right, however, to remain in the buildings until the new facilities were built, which, due to the advent of World War II and the subsequent military use of the cove, never happened. But it was not until 1979 that the City got around to requiring leases. The Ariel Club shrank to a handful of members and disappeared, the Dolphins taking over its lease and eventually, after a fire destroyed its buildings, its location right next door. The boat shed, the Sancimino Room and the boathouse below it, and the women's locker room, built in the late 1980s, now occupy that space.

Today the Dolphin and South End Clubs operate under various city-imposed requirements, for example, a day-use program by which the clubs are made available to the non-member public. The buildings occupied by the clubs are among the oldest along the waterfront to have continuously housed the same activities. They are vibrant, significant elements of the City's historic and cultural life. 🐬

*This tale draws on oral history provided by Dolphin Club Historian Walter Schneebeli, and more heavily still on information contained in former Dolphin member Bill Pickelhaupt's book, Club Rowing on San Francisco Bay, 1869-1939, featuring The South End Rowing Club. I thank and wish to acknowledge both. Any inaccuracies in this tale are my own.*



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## DOLPHIN CLUB – SWIM SCHEDULE 2004

January 1	Thurs.	South End New Year's Day Alcatraz	..tbd
		New Year's Day Cove	..10 am
February 21	Sat.	Midwinter Gas House Cove	..10:00 am
March 21	Sun.	Spring Cove/End of Polar Bear	..9:00 am
April 10	Sat.	Pier 43	..7:30 am
May 9	Sun.	Pier 39	..7:30 am
May 16	Sun.	Yacht Harbor	..8:00 am
June 1	Tues.	100-Mile Swim begins	
June 6	Sun.	Crazy Cove	..9:00 am
June 18	Fri.	Twilight Cove/Pot Luck dinner	..6:00 pm
July 11	Sun.	Joe Bruno Golden Gate	..9:15 am
July 17	Sat.	Crissy Field	..9:30 am
July 31	Sat.	Santa Cruz One Mile	..11:00 am
August 14	Sat.	Over 45 Gas House Cove	..10:00 am
August 20	Fri.	Twilight Pier 43	..6:15 pm
September 12	Sun.	Over 60 Cove	..10:00 am
		Introduction to Bay Swimming	
September 19	Sun.	Alcatraz	..8:45 am
September 26	Sat.	Fort Point	..7:45 am
October 3	Sun.	Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon	..9:00 am
October 17	Sun.	Handicap Cove	..9:00 am
October 31	Sun.	100-Mile Swim ends	
November 13	Sat.	Pilot Appreciation Dinner	..tbd
November 25	Thurs.	Thanksgiving Cove	..9:00 am
December 19	Sun.	New Year's Day Qualifier	..10:00 am
		Christmas Party	..noon
December 21	Sun.	Start of Polar Bear	

### ROWING TRAINING (ALL FALL ON SATURDAYS, EXCEPT FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup>)

JAN. 24	MARCH 20	MAY 22	JULY 24	SEPT. 18	NOV. 20
FEB. 22	APRIL 24	JUNE 19	AUG. 21	OCT. 23	DEC. 18

### SWIM PROGRAM RULES

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled out-of-cove swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commissioner.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims.

### Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (⚙) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden Gate swims, nonqualified members will be given priority in qualifying swims.

